

KENTUCKY Adult Education


Your future starts here!

Profile

Vision: All Kentuckians will be prepared to succeed in a global economy.

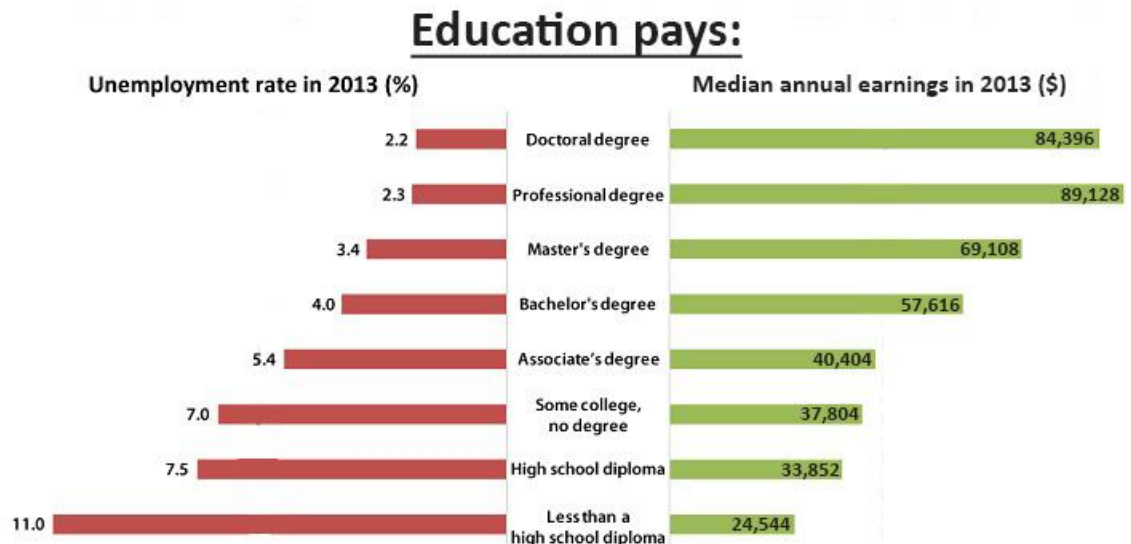
Mission: To prepare our students for college and career-readiness by delivering a world-class education.

Objective: Increase the number of college-ready GED® graduates.

A Significant Return on Investment

For Kentucky to be successful, the nearly 410,000 Kentuckians age 18-64 (15 percent of the working-age population) without a high school credential must have the opportunity to prepare themselves for college and careers, an opportunity that KYAE programs provide (American Community Survey, 2006-10). Consider the following:

- By 2018, 54% of all jobs in Kentucky will require some level of postsecondary education.
- A person with a high school credential earns \$9,300 more per year than a high school drop-out. The potential increased earnings for GED®



Source: Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor

- graduates in 2013-14 alone will be nearly \$1.9 billion over a 30-year career
- Parents are powerful educational role models. For Kentucky's schools to be successful, we must help adults achieve their educational goals.
- Individuals without a high school credential are more likely to be unemployed, three times as likely to be in poverty and eight times as likely to be incarcerated.
- Increased education has a positive effect on health status.
- Human capital infrastructure reflected as an educated and trained workforce plays a significant role in economic development efforts.

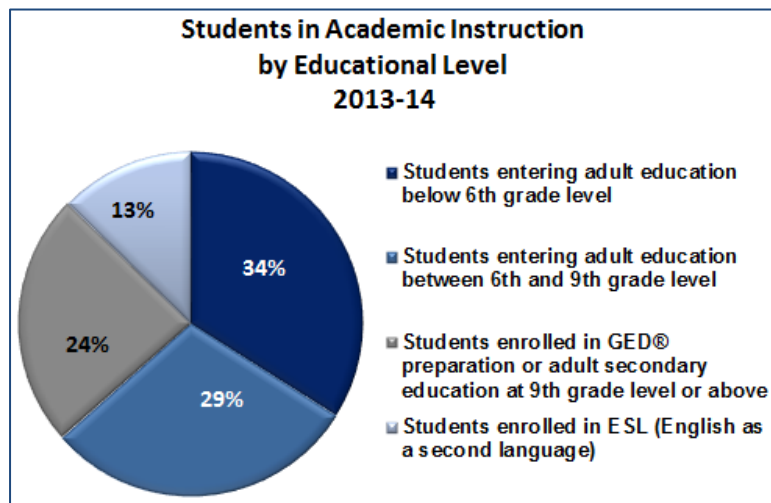
According to a recent policy paper, "The Return on Investment from Adult Education and Training," McGraw-Hill Research Foundation, May 2011:

"A preemptive focus on adult education actually saves governments money by reducing societal healthcare, public assistance and incarceration costs. Adult education also improves and expands the nation's available pool of human capital by helping motivated but under educated people achieve gainful employment in today's increasingly high-tech and global job market, and at a far lower cost per learner when compared to either K-12 or higher education."

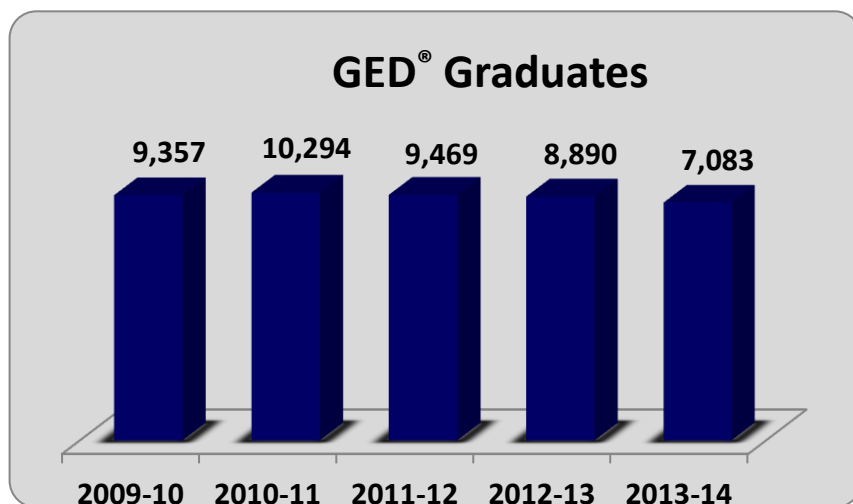
KYAE Student Profile

In 2013-14, KYAE enrolled 32,831 students:

- 80 percent were age 18-44, adults who will be in the workforce for another two to five decades.
- 36 percent of students already had a high school credential.
- 4,168 students were in English as a second language programs.
- 5,359 students were in corrections education.



KYAE Key Outcomes



From 2000 to 2010, the working-age population (18-64) without a high school diploma or GED® credential declined from 537,000 to 410,000—a 24 percent decline. (American Community Survey, 2006-10)

Kentucky's 2014 GED® pass rate is 82 percent, which exceeds the national GED® pass rate of 55 percent.

The most recent data, 2013-14, show that 25 percent of Kentucky GED® graduates transition to postsecondary education within two years.

Of those 2012 GED® graduates who enrolled in postsecondary education by summer 2014:

- 92 percent enrolled in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System.
- 5 percent enrolled in a public four-year institution.
- 3 percent enrolled in an independent institution.

